

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2019

38 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Anthony Guccione (Greenvale), Jacqui Costanzo (West Brunswick), Mark Kennedy (Avondale Heights), Ray Reymers (Coburg) and Neil Campbell (Fawkner)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

SECONDED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Associations Junior League Post Season Summary
2. Tennis Victoria — Notice of Metropolitan Associations Forum 5 June 2019
3. Strathmore TC — Results of trial of 2.5 courts per mixed team for Friday night matches and request for ongoing exemption
4. Moonee Valley City Council — Notification that Council had taken over management of Riverside tennis and netball courts
5. Tennis Victoria — Metropolitan Associations Forum 5 June 2019 reminder
6. Moonee Valley City Council — Update on arrangements for Riverside Tennis Club

OUT

1. All Clubs — Agenda for 27 May 2019 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 25 March 2019, request from Strathmore TC for ongoing exemption and proposed NSJTA Safeguarding Children Statement

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2019/01	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Buckley Park TC regarding A Special Friday match on 1 February 2019
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Taylors Lakes TC
2019/02	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Buckley Park TC regarding A Special Friday match on 29 March 2019
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Taylors Lakes TC
	In	Response from Taylors Lakes TC to complaints 2019/01 and 2019/02

	Out	Letters to Buckley Park TC and Taylors Lakes TC advising outcome of complaints 2019/01 and 2019/02
2019/03	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Delahey TC regarding A Reserve 2 Saturday match on 27 April 2019
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Buckley Park TC
	In	Response from Buckley Park TC

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 25 March 2019	\$2,956.44
Payments received since 25 March 2019	\$987.50
Payments out since 25 March 2019	-\$525.20
Balance in transaction account as at 27 May 2019	\$3418.74
Balance in investment account as at 27 May 2019	\$20,943.71

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Dave Theuma (Sunbury)

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Associations Junior League

The 2019 season starts in August. Players can register through the NSJTA website.

2. Pat Pearce Memorial Challenge — 13 and 14 July 2019

This event was rescheduled from its traditional date of Easter due to a clash with the tournament schedule in Eastern Region. This has meant this year it will be played in a reduced format of 3 boys and 3 girls in the 13 & Under and 15 & Under age groups. Players can nominate through the NSJTA website.

3. Frank Sedgman Cup — 27 and 28 July 2019

The Frank Sedgman Cup is an annual event for 11 and Under boys and girls from across Victoria for teams from metropolitan associations and country regions. The competition is a round robin format with ties consisting of two boys singles, two girls singles and two mixed doubles rubbers. This year, the event will be held in Traralgon. Players can nominate through the NSJTA website..

4. Wayne Arthurs Cup results

The NSJTA won the Wayne Arthurs Cup be held at Kooyong in April. The team played really well, finished top of its pool and then won the semi-final against Eastern region 6 rubbers to none and the final against North Eastern 4 rubbers to 2 rubbers.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. The next Associations Forum meeting in June and the feature topic will be improving player and parents' behaviour, etiquette and discipline.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. A list of approved player transfers was circulated.
2. Clubs are reminded that June 28/29 is listed on the fixture as a "Spare Finals Weekend" and will be utilised if a majority of Semi-Finals or Grand-Finals are washed out. Delegates need to remind players that they need to still keep this date free.

3. **Round 14 results:** Team Managers must email results to their Grade Secretary as soon as possible after Round 14 matches. Grade Secretaries are asked to process all results by Saturday night if possible. This will allow me to get the draw up much quicker than previous seasons.

A copy of the guidelines for hosting finals was circulated with a draft Semi Final draw based on Round 12/13 results. Please use this to prepare teams who may be hosting semi-finals. A FINAL copy will be posted on-line as soon as possible. Please do not use this Draft Indicative Fixture as being the final copy. Please contact Kym if you think something is wrong.

Special Note: For Friday night Semi Finals clubs are reminded of the By Law being that the Semi Finals are played using the Home Court advantage for positions one and two. For Grand Finals a nominated club has been chosen to add more games to a venue so as to add more atmosphere to the night.

4. **Semi Finals:** For semi-finals on June 14/15, all members (and team manager) of host teams are expected to turn up to help with umpiring and bagging of courts. Delegates (or Venue Supervisors) are asked to email a copy of the score sheets to results@nsjta.asn.au. Please bring completed sheets with you to the AGM / Grand Final Pick Up Night on Monday June 17th at BPTC at 8pm. Reminder - during the finals Team Managers can fold the sheet in half so that each team does not see each other's players. Once both clubs have put in their team names, the sheet can be unfolded. In both the Semi and Grand finals the majority of players from each team can play. Please take a Finals Teams sheet on the back table which will explain everything.

Please remember the new format for Saturday Mixed finals. There are 7 sets to be played not 6 sets: 2 boys singles, 2 girls singles, 1 boys doubles, 1 girls doubles and 1 mixed doubles

5. **Grand Finals:** All A and B grade grand finals will be umpired by teams within those grades at their home venues. Match result sheets and pennants for the Grand Finals will be given out on Monday June 17th to the host clubs at BPTC at 8pm. Host venues for Saturday grand finals will be Avondale Heights, Buckley Park, Essendon, Oak Park, Royal Park, West Brunswick. If a club has courts unavailable during the finals, please let Kym know tonight.

Saturday Grand Finals clubs are reminded that they must provide adult umpires from 8.30 am as follows:

1-4 Saturday teams – 1 umpire, 5-8 Saturday teams – 2 umpires, 9-12 Saturday teams – 3 umpires

The start time for all Friday night Semi-Final and Grand Final matches is 7-00pm

The start time for all Saturday Semi-Final and Grand Final matches is:

- A & B grades — 7.45 am
- C grades — 8.30 am
- D grades — 9.30 am

The NSJTA Committee would like to thank everyone for all their assistance throughout the finals periods — Clubs, Umpires, Delegates, Parents and particularly all the children.

6. **Important Dates 2019**

- June 1 — All other Saturday teams must be entered
- June 14/15 — Semi Finals
- June 17th — AGM and Grand Final Pick up — 8.00 pm Buckley Park TC
- June 21/22 — Grand Finals

- June 28/29 — Spare Weekend
- July 13 — Season 2 Pick Up — 9-00am to 9-30am at Airport West TC
- July 19/20 — Season Two Starts

7. Season 2 2019 information:

A quick reminder of our Saturday formats:

- D and D Special Unisex Grades
- C Reserve, C Grade and C Special Unisex teams
- C Reserve, C Grade and C Special Mixed teams with 2 boys and 2 girls playing each week. Boys/Girls doubles one week and Mixed doubles the following week
- A Reserve, B Grade and B Reserve Boys
- A Reserve, B Grade and B Reserve Mixed. 2 boys and 2 girls playing each week. Boys/Girls doubles one week and Mixed doubles the following week

In regard to fixture requests for the teams, we will try to accommodate them, but we cannot guarantee all requests. The NSJTA have had some issues with some of the requested start times. The Committee will be checking this season on all later start time requests. We have always checked the earlier start times and will accept them if it is a valid reason.

Clubs are reminded that

- By law 7) The NSJTA competition is open to juniors who are under the age of 18 as of 31 December the year prior for Season 1 and as of 30 June for Season 2 of any given year. Juniors may turn 18 during the season they are playing in.
- By law 8) Players who turn 14 or older during a given season are not eligible to play in D Grade 1 or below during that season. Those players must play D Special or higher. This age limit applies also to emergencies.

Team entry fees will be invoiced and emailed to club Treasurers.

8. Season 2 Dates

COMPETITION DATES						SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
July	19/20	26/27				
August	02/03	09/10	16/17	23/24	30/31	
September	06/07	13/14				School holidays and AFL Grand Final 20/21 and 27/28
October	11/12	18/19	25/26			School Holidays 04/05
November	08/09	15/16				Melbourne Cup 01/02
Semi Finals	22/23 Nov					
Grand Finals	29/30 Nov					
Spare Weekend	06/07 Dec					

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The following proposal to provide Strathmore an exemption from the minimum number of courts required for Friday night matches was proposed and debated:

That Strathmore TC be granted an ongoing exemption from the requirements of By-law 29(a) to enable it to play two mixed teams and one boys team at home on the same night with seven courts. Strathmore must provide a court allocation supervisor to ensure a quick transition of matches occurs. If matches are not complete by the 10.30 pm curfew time, sets still in progress will be recorded as incomplete, and the match will be a draw unless one team has an unbeatable lead.

MOVED: Sue Tritt (Strathmore)

SECONDED: Colin Thompson (Buckley Park)

Carried unanimously.

2. An NSJTA Safeguarding Children Commitment statement was circulated for approval by Delegates, together with the Safeguarding Children guidelines.

Motion: That the NSJTA Safeguarding Children Commitment Statement be adopted and the Safeguarding Children guidelines be endorsed.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

Carried unanimously.

3. The Match Committee has become aware of some players using underarm serves in NSJTA matches. Although it within the rules of tennis, it can cause some friction between players, particularly when it is done without warning. Due to the risk it can be perceived as unsportsmanlike conduct by opponents, we request club delegates discourage the practice (unless necessary due to injury).
4. There was a general discussion about the new format of Saturday mixed teams. It has resulted in more mixed teams being entered and some smaller clubs stated it enables them to now enter mixed teams when previously they couldn't. However, other clubs reported they had difficulties working out the right number of players in the teams and they had received complaints about players playing less often.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.45 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2019 at 8.00 PM